

**U.S. District Court  
District of Montana (Missoula)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 9:18-cv-00031-DLC**

Buffalo Field Campaign v. United States Department of  
Agriculture et al  
Assigned to: Judge Dana L. Christensen  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/07/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**Buffalo Field Campaign**  
*a Montana Non-Profit Corporation*

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
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02/07/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Buffalo Field Campaign. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> civil cover sheet) (ASG) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/07/2018	<u>2</u>	Summons Issued as to All Defendants. Originals mailed to Counsel Bechtold. (ASG) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/07/2018		Filing fee: \$400.00 paid, receipt number 0977-2084979. (ASG) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
03/12/2018	<u>3</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 03/12/2018)
04/02/2018	<u>4</u>	Proof of Service filed by Buffalo Field Campaign. Service by certified mail on February 9, 2018. (Bechtold, Timothy) (Entered: 04/02/2018)
04/18/2018	<u>5</u>	Order Setting: Defendant shall prepare and file a Vaughn index by 7/2/2018. Status Update or Motion due by 8/1/2018. Signed by Judge Dana L. Christensen on 4/18/2018. (ASG) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>6</u>	Joint MOTION for Order/Judgment <i>CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER</i> Timothy M. Bechtold appearing for Plaintiff Buffalo Field Campaign (Bechtold, Timothy) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
05/01/2018	<u>7</u>	ORDER granting <u>6</u> Joint MOTION. Signed by Judge Dana L. Christensen on 5/1/2018. (ASG) (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (ASG) (Entered: 05/01/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
03/06/2019	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>AMENDED STATUS REPORT AS TO DOC. 9</i> by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>JOINT</i> by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
07/03/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
08/29/2019	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 08/29/2019)
11/07/2019	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Dismiss <i>and Notice of Compliance of Doc. 13</i> Mark Steger Smith appearing for Defendants Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Payment Confirmation, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order) (Smith, Mark) (Entered: 11/07/2019)